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lieu a bridle-path, because a cart-road is quite out of the question. There is now before Government an estimate for improving the existing bridle-path and bridging certain streams, including the deviation proposed. Government recognise the importance of the work and will sanction the estimate. Action is being taken with reference to the outlet paths.

91. *Delay in survey and issue of pattas.*

Mr. H. M. Knight spoke on the delay in the survey of the Hills and in the issue of pattas.

Kuttikal road.

The member also urged the early opening of the Kuttikal road.

Dewan's reply.—The survey of the whole area has been finished and the Survey department is doing mapping work now. The Superintendent reports that, if each estate is separately mapped, the sections may not fit in at the end, and that the whole work will be finished in about six months from now. The practice seems to be for the Superintendent of the Cardamom Hills to issue pattas as soon as copies of maps and area lists of a division are received by him. Orders will be issued to the Superintendent to grant pattas in the case of those divisions for which he has received maps and area lists. It will be well if the member will put in writing specific instances of delay and send the same to me. An enquiry will then be started.

In regard to the Kuttikal road, orders have been passed.

93. *Grant of Cardamom lands.*

Mr. Sinisamy Chetty of Cardamom Hills (Member, Nominated) requested, on behalf of the native Cardamom ryots, that the system of selling new lands in auction should be discontinued, that the ryots be allowed to pay acreage value in ten yearly instalments, and that the applicants for new lands be permitted to start work before survey, the assessment being levied from date of sanction to commence the work of cultivation.

Dewan's reply.—The report of the Superintendent of the Cardamom Hills on this subject has been received. Government will look into the matter and pass orders.

94. *Cart-roads down Cumbhom, Ramakal, &c.*

The same member also requested that the outlet roads down the Cumbhom, Ramakal, Pathinettampadi and Thevaram Mettus might be converted into cart-roads.

Dewan's reply.—It is utterly impossible to sanction the cart-roads proposed. In regard to the outlet paths,

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